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**SPECIAL NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR.** My recovery is still continuing (slow and sore). I have good days and bad (usually from over doing it from the day before). Again, I would like to thank the many "Welcome Back, Get Well Wishes and Holiday/New Year's Greeting" E-mail messages. There are too many to reply back (I truly "THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU"). By the way, I am amazed on how many DXers have gone through this type of operation (Makes you wonder. Go take a stress test!) Finally, my family (wife/OPDX's chief proof-reader Linda, Teddy [TJ], Katie) and I (KB8NW) would like to wish all DXers, Contesters and OPDX readers a very "Happy New Year". Also, we would like to once again thank the many who have contributed information over the year (there are too many to list). REMEMBER, without them there would not be an OPDX Bulletin. Also, a special thanks goes out to John Papay, K8YSE, (OPDX's Webmaster) and Dave Foran (HAMNET.ORG/NSHORE.ORG Administrator) for helping distribute the OPDX Bulletin.....  
73 and Have a Great 2003 de Tedd KB8NW

**DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT:** According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 22/December, through Sunday, 29/December there were 224 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE0A, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, E3, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J6, J7, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9,

ZF, ZK1/s, ZK3, ZL, ZP, ZS

\* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

**CB4, CHILE (Rare Prefix).** Operator CE4FXY will be using a rare prefix in the **CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th)**. Look for him to sign **CB4Y** as a Single-Op/Single Band (10m)/High Power entry. QSL via CE4FXY. Visit the Web site: <http://www.qsl.net/cb4y/> An on-line log search will be available after the Contest.

**E20, THAILAND.** Shelly/K2BS and Ray/G3NOM (HS0ZDZ) report that the station **E20AJ** is the callsign of the amateur radio station at the **20th World Scout Jamboree in Sattahip, Thailand**, which will be activated by a large international contingent. The Jamboree amateur radio operation will take place officially from December 29th (2002) to January 7th (2003), but activity can be expected from the **26th December 2002 onwards**. All modes will be covered with several stations operational. The usual amateur bands available in Thailand will be used (i.e. 40, 20, 15, 20, 2m, and the following segments on 80/160m - 3524-3526, 3534-3536, 1834-1836 kHz). Some earlier reports mentioned WARC band operation, but this will not take place. However, there are some conflicting reports on the WARC/Low Band operations. Masa/JI1CUJ, the International Service Team staff of E20AJ, informed OPDX of the following: "With strong support from RAST and Government of Thailand, we will have fantastic license condition. Operation on 1.8 and 3.5 Mhz is usually severely restricted in Thailand, and is only permitted during contest. The WARC band are not permitted in Thailand. However, there is an information that the license of E20AJ covers all HF bands including WARC bands. We are trying to QRV on WARC and LOW bands as far as possible." The only thing we can tell OPDX readers is to listen and hope they are active on the WARC bands. The International Scouting Frequencies will be the preferred frequencies (i.e. 7090, 14290, 21360, 28390, 28990). The QSL Manager for DIRECT cards only is HB9AOF. For Bureau cards, please send to E20AJ at the Thailand QSL Bureau, (These will be handled by HS7AHV). Packet messages for people at the Jamboree can be sent to: E20AJ@E20AJ.#STP.CBI.THA.AS Additional information regarding E20AJ and their activities, as well as a broadcast through Web, can be found at: <http://www.worldscout.pacific.net.th/>

**EY8, TAJIKISTAN.** Nodir, **EY8MM**, reports that he will be active in the **CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 24-26th)**. QSL via K1BV.

**FG, GUADELOUPE.** Pierre, F6FXS, will be active once more from his son's QTH on the main island (IOTA NA-102 - DIFO FG001) as **FG/F6FXS** between **February 12th and March 12th**. He will be on holiday, but his activity will be CW. Pierre will run about 30 watts from an IC-706 and into a wire antenna. Search for him in the morning and the evening (local time) on 40-10 meters bands, but mainly around 14030, 18070, 21030 or 28030 kHz +/- QRM. QSL either direct or via the bureau. The address in the Buckmaster's call book, either on CD or online is correct.

**FR, REUNION ISLAND (Attention!)** Freddy, F5IRO, is expected to be active as **FR/F5IRO** through **February 2003**. Word has it that he will try to obtain permission to be active from **Juan da Nova and Glorioso**.

**HC1, ECUADOR.** Andy, NP3D, will be active as **HC1/NP3D** from **Quito**, Ecuador, from

**January 22-27th.** Activity will be on CW/SSB on all HF bands including the WARC bands and 6 meters. He will also be in the **CQ 160-Meter CW Contest (January 24-26th)** as a low power class entry. QSL via W3HNK.

#### **IOTA NEWS.....**

- **AS-079.** Takeshi, JI3DST, will be active as **JI3DST/6** from **Miyako Island** (Miyakojima Hirara-City Okinawa-ken) now **through January 6th**. Activity will be on 40/17/15/12/10/6 meters SSB. Look for him on 40 meters (7060-7070 kHz) between 1900-2200z. QSL via the bureau the Bureau.
- **EU-048.** Jean-Marc, F5SGI, will be active from **Groix Island** (DIFM AT-012) **April 13-19th**. Activity will be CW only. QSL via the bureau or direct.
- **OC-201.** Bert, PA3GIO, will be active as **ZL1/PA3GIO/p** from **Waiheke Island OC-201** on **January 10, 2003, ONLY**. Activity will be on 20/17/15/12/10 meters SSB only. He will be using a Kenwood TS-50 with only a 100 watts. QSL (preferably) by E-mail to: [qsl@pa3gio.nl](mailto:qsl@pa3gio.nl) (No attachment) Or via the bureau to PA3GIO. Bert states, "I do not accept nor send eQSL's (i.e. [www.eQSL.cc](http://www.eQSL.cc))! I do not read my E-mail when on a DXpedition..." Direct QSL go to: Bert vd Berg, Parklaan 38, NL-3931 KK Woudenberg, The Netherlands, Europe. Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/ZL/> and Mirror USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/ZL/>
- **OC-130 OC-235.** Stuie, VK8NSB, informs OPDX that Chris, **VK3FY/DU8**, is active on **Mindanao Island (OC-130)** as of **December 26th** and will be active on and off from **OC-235** as **VK3FY/DU8** as of **January 1st**. Day operations will be 0800-1800 local time, but there is a possibility of an overnight stay. The island that Chris will be on (OC-235) has elements of Rebels on it, and he does not want to publish the Exact location (name of Island). IOTA has confirmed that this Island will be OK for OC-235 credit. Stuie is appointed the Contact (Pilot) for all information at: [vk8nsb@octa4.net.au](mailto:vk8nsb@octa4.net.au) QSL is via EA7JX (Rod). Due to the exact location having Rebel elements, this operation could be terminated without notice. Chris has mentioned to Stuie that he will try and work as many stations as possible when on the Island. He hopes to be on the island up to 10 full days and overnight 2 or 3 times. He has taken a HF vertical and radios from Australia to operate from this rare IOTA in the Phillipines.

**NEW OFFICERS FOR 2003.** Members of the **North Shenandoah DX Association** (celebrating their 10th anniversery) elected the following officers for the year 2003:

President                - Greg Lanham, WA4VE  
Vice President       - Brian Mawhinney, WB3FUM  
Secretary/Treasurer - John Kanode, N4MM

**P4, ARUBA.** Alan, K4AVQ, is expected to be active as **P40AV** this coming weekend. Activity will be between **January 4-18th** on 160-10 meters with an emphasis CW and on 80/160 meters. QSL via K4AVQ.

#### **QSL INFO AND NEWS.....**

- Activity by **GB2APL** during the past weekend was from **Anvil Point Lighthouse** (L/H Number ENG - 001). This special callsign was used during the International Lighthouses and Lightships event. QSL via the Bureau or direct to G0PSE. E-mail requests for a

bureau QSL are available by sending QSO info to: [g0pse@qsl.net](mailto:g0pse@qsl.net)

- Gwen, VK3DYL, QSL Manager for the **VK9YL** and **ZK1XYL** (the all-YL DXpeditions in September/October), reports that all direct requests (with return postage) received prior to Christmas Day have been mailed back. Gwen also wishes to advise that it is the group's policy only to accept QSL cards received direct or via the VK3 Bureau, not as E-QSLs.
- Noel, PT2ND, announces that the online logs for the **ZW8P** operation from IOTA SA-060 between December 12-18th are now available at the expedition's Web site at: <http://www.zw8p.hpg.ig.com.br>

**S2, BANGLADESH (Update).** Remember to look for Eric, VA7DZ, this week as **S2/VA7DZ**. He will be working from **Dhaka** and **Sylhet** between **January 1-7th**. Also, he is expected to be active from **St. Martin's Island** (IOTA AS-127), **January 3-4th**. Activity will be QRP. QSL via VA7DZ.

**SILENT KEY.** It is sad to report that Victor Rusinov, **UT8LL** (UB5LGM), became a Silent Key this past week. He died in a plane crash on December 23rd near Esfahan while on a business trip to Iran. Dxers and members of the IOTA community will mourn his sudden passing. OPDX and its readers would like to send out their deepest sympathy to Victor's family and friends.

**SPECIAL EVENT.** The callsign **ZS90SAP** will be active from **January 1st through December 31st, 2003**, to celebrate the **90th anniversary of the establishment of the South African Police Service**. The SAPS was established in 1913 with the objective to enforce law and order and to ensure a safe and secure environment for all the people of South Africa. Members of the Vaal Triangle Amateur Radio Club, under the leadership of Jan Swanepoel, ZS6ZYM, will operate ZS90SAP during **2003**. The callsign will be active on the 80/40/20/10 meters as well as 6/2 meters and 70-cm. QSL cards will only be sent on receipt of your QSL card. QSL cards can be sent via the bureau or direct to ZS90SAP: Jan Swanepoel, PO Box 14393, Zuurfontein, 1912.

**ST, SUDAN.** Chris, DL5NAM, informs OPDX that after solving many problems, a German team has finally received permission and a license for Sudan. The German team will be using the callsign **ST0RY** (Sierra Tango Zero Radio Yankee) and will start their operation in **March** and stay approx. **3 weeks (+/-)**; also, they will be active in the **WPX Contest**. Their tickets are in hand; first material is on the way there. Their focus for this DXpedition will be the Low Bands, WARC Bands, RTTY and 6 meters (in this order). The German team consists of: Falk/DK7YY (CW), Dietmar/DL3DXX (CW), Uwe/DL9NDS (SSB/RTTY), Felix/DL7FER (SSB/CW) and Chris/DL5NAM (SSB/RTTY). Currently, they have plans for 3 HF stations (with amps), 3 Quarter Wave GP for the Low Bands, some Yagis for 10-20 meters (incl. WARC) and some wire. However, they would like to do better and are asking the ham community for help. Any help with used/new HF/UHF equipment is welcome, and also study material for hams to get their license. They will leave some materials for the national amateur radio club there. Also, they are looking for donations from DX clubs/associations to help reduce the high cost of transportation. A web page will be available with an online log search thanks to DF3CB (also a possible 24 hour internet connection maybe available to them). Further details on pilot stations and their schedule will be forthcoming. For questions, please contact them via E-mail at: [dl5nam@darc.de](mailto:dl5nam@darc.de)

**SOTA NEWS.** Andrew, ZS1AN, reports that South Africa has been incorporated into the "**Summits on the Air**" (SOTA) program effective **January 1, 2003**. To celebrate, a number of South African amateurs will be operating portable from mountain summits on January 1st. Rudi, ZS6DX, will operate from **Magalliesberg** (ZS/GP-008), Andrew, ZS1AN, will be operating from Maclear's Beacon on **Table Mountain** (ZS/WC-043), and it is likely that other summits will be active as well. They can be found on or around the following frequencies:

- **CW:** 7024, 14007, 21007 and 28007 kHz
- **SSB:** 7066, 14160, 21160 and 28440 kHz
- **FM:** 145.500 MHz Simplex

Please note that not all summits will be active on SSB. Summits will be activated from 0900z until 1600z on January 1, 2003. For further information about SOTA in South Africa, see their web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/sotasa/> Also, you can E-mail them at: [sotasa@qsl.net](mailto:sotasa@qsl.net)

**ZK2, NIUE.** Bert, PA3GIO, will be active as **ZK2GI** on Niue Island (pronounced 'new-ay'), IOTA **OC-040**, approximately from **January 18-26th** using his Kenwood TS-50 with only a 100 watts and a Doublet Antenna. Activity will be on 20/17/15/12/10 meters SSB only. He hopes there will be propagation to Europe approximately 0800-1400z peaking around 1100z. QSL (preferably) by E-mail to: [qsl@pa3gio.nl](mailto:qsl@pa3gio.nl) (No attachment), or via the bureau to PA3GIO. Bert states, "I do not accept nor send eQSL's (i.e. [www.eQSL.cc](http://www.eQSL.cc))! I do not read my E-mail when on a DXpedition..." Direct QSL go to: Bert vd Berg, Parklaan 38, NL-3931 KK Woudenberg, The Netherlands, Europe.

- Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/ZK2GI/>
- Mirror USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/ZK2GI/>

**ZK3, TOKELAU ISLANDS.** Atsu, 5W1SA, is currently active as **ZK3SA**. His length of stay is not known. His activity over the past week has been on 40/30/20/17/15/12 meters CW, with some RTTY. QSL via JH7OHF.

**ZK3, TOKELAU ISLANDS (New IOTA).** Marius, IZ8DBJ, reports that he will be heading here between **February 1-8th** and possibly activate a new IOTA. His callsign will be **ZK3DJ**. QSL via home callsign direct ONLY.

**ZL1AMO UPDATE.** Judy Roush, AA7UC, continues to update us on Ron's, ZL1AMO condition. Ron still remains in isolation and continues to fight the ESBL infection, slowly but surely, he continues to improve. Intravenous feeding has been discontinued, and Ron is now eating solid food. Physically, Ron is still weak, but he is able to communicate with his family with the use of a mobile phone. Ron is anxious to resume his radio activities, and he continues to ask the family if they are receiving E-mails from the amateur radio community! Terri (Ron's daughter) has asked INDEXA to forward the Wright family's sincerest wishes to all for a blessed Christmas and a happy, peaceful, and prosperous new year. Judy also reports on behalf of the International DX Association (INDEXA) a "thank you" for your tremendous outpouring of support for Ron and his family. As of December 23rd, the ZL1AMO Air Ambulance Fund is within 5,000 USD of reaching its goal of 20,000 USD. Funds received as of this date have been forwarded to the air ambulance account in New Zealand, and INDEXA has covered the expenses involved in the transfer of funds so that every penny donated has gone directly to Ron's special account in New Zealand.

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me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW  
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